



SALISBURY COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION
Neighborhood Leaders Alliance Subcommittee Meeting

Tuesday, January 8, 2010
Noon

217 S. Main Street, First Floor Conference Room

MINUTES

In attendance: Garth Birdsey, Greta Connor (Chair), Mimi Howard, Lou Manning, Gwen Matthews, Sean Meyers, Barbara Perry, Sara Robinson, Bill Safrit, and Jack Thomson

City Staff: Chris Branham, Diana Moghrabi, and Lynn Raker

Neighborhoods Represented: Brooklyn South Square, Ellis Street Graded School District, Meadow Brook, Milford Hills, Milford Knoll, North Main (NOMA), Park Avenue, Sedgefield Acres, West End

Lunch was provided.

As a follow up to the December 15, 2010 meeting, Lynn Raker (staff liaison to the CAC) offered a Power Point presentation for committee review. This will be a part of the CAC Goals and Highlights that will be presented to City Council January 19, 2010. All are encouraged to attend around 4 p.m.

History and Housing Subcommittee Recommendations

FY 2006-07 Council Outcome #2: Improve neighborhoods and safety for all areas of the City

December 2006: NLA presentation to Council on deteriorated housing

FY 2007-08 Council Outcome #2: Improve neighborhoods and safety for all areas of the City

July 2007: "Better Housing" staff report

FY 2008-09 Council Outcome #2: Improve neighborhoods and safety for all areas of the City

October 2008: Chris Branham hired as new Code Services Manager

FY 2009-10 Council Outcome #2: Improve neighborhoods and safety for all areas of the City

Goal 4: Pursue implementation of the "Better Housing" code

October 2009: NLA subcommittee explores roles of housing commissions/review board

Recommendation: Establish a City Housing Commission or Review Board

This comes from the following:

- CAC Neighborhood Leaders Alliance
- Better Housing Committee (city staff)
- Historic Neighborhood Alliance

Purpose:

- Support Code Services Division
- Peer group review for housing violations
- Study existing code and make recommendations on minimum housing standards, landlord registration, incentives vs. penalties, etc.
- Study big picture issues and unintended consequences (i.e., do not reduce affordable housing stock)

Subcommittees to develop community resource data: coordination with Community Development Corporation, Historic Preservation Commission, Historic Salisbury Foundation, Police Department, and other agencies.

Composition: approximately nine members

Diverse representation: landlords, homeowners, neighborhood leaders, renters, real estate/finance/ mortgage professional

- May be quasi-judicial
- Self-sustaining board (\$\$)
- Proactive

Timeline:

- Request Council to appoint committee to study proposal
- Appoint board for July 1, 2010 start, with first year dedicated to orientation, study of existing standards and procedures, development of policies and procedures, bylaws, etc.; enabling legislation if necessary
- July 1, 2011 – Board ready to review cases

Lynn was asked to put some photos in the presentation as a reminder for City Council.

OTHER BUSINESS

In addition to the regular spring and fall meetings, the CAC Neighborhood Leaders Alliance will meet in the middle or end of January. Goals will be set in the fall. A summer meeting will be determined at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.